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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

#### AUSTRALIA.

### SYDNEY-Examination of rats for plague infection.

The following information is taken from bulletins issued by the

department of public health of New South Wales:

During the month of December, 1910, there were destroyed 5,847 rats. Of this number 1,773 were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rats were found.

### AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

### Hungary declared free from cholera.

Consul Slocum at Fiume reported, January 25:

The Kingdom of Hungary, including the consular district of Fiume and Croatia and Slavonia, was officially declared free from cholera January 20.

## BARBADOS.

#### BRIDGETOWN-Smallpox on Steamship.

Passed Asst. Surg. Robertson, at Tampa Bay Quarantine, Fla.,

reports February 2:

The steamship *Cara* from Rio de Janeiro via Bridgetown, Barbados, arrived at this station this date with a history of smallpox on board en route.

The vessel left Rio de Janeiro January 10, and on January 14 a seaman fell ill with smallpox. The patient was isolated in charge of a seaman who had had the disease. Upon the arrival of the vessel at Bridgetown the patient was removed to the quarantine hospital. His bedding was removed and the forecastle scrubbed. The vessel was fumigated throughout. All members of the crew were vaccinated except the seaman who had been in attendance on the patient. He was taken ashore at Bridgetown and his clothing steamed.

On arrival at Port Tampa, Fla., all on board were found well. Twenty members of the crew showed successful vaccination. The vessel was again mechanically cleansed and fumigated, and the bed-

ding and clothing were disinfected.

#### CHINA.

## AMOY-Plague present in interior.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Bonthius reports, January 4: Fatal cases of plague are reported from the interior.